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AMEMBASSY NAIROBI
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SUBJECT: AFRICAN COMMERCIAL OFFICERS CONFERENCE

1. STATE/COMMERCE APPRECIATE AMBASSADOR'S SUGGESTION THAT NEXT AFRICAN COMMERCIAL OFFICERS CONFERENCE BE HELD IN YAOUNDE. WE BELIEVE THAT YAOUNDE OFFERS A CENTRAL LOCATION AND GOOD HOTEL FACILITIES FOR THIS CONFERENCE AND WE HOPE THAT TRANSPORTATION WILL NOT POSE A PROBLEM. WE THEREFORE ARE PLEASED TO ACCEPT HIS INVITATION.

2. IN 1974 WE HAD ONE CONFERENCE FOR PARTICIPANTS FROM WESTERN AND CENTRAL AFRICAN POSTS AT ABIDJAN AND ANOTHER FOR PARTICIPANTS FROM EASTERN AND SOUTHERN AFRICAN POSTS AT NAIROBI. WE EXPECT TO INVITE ALL PARTICIPANTS THE NEXT TIME TO UNIFIED CONFERENCE AT YAOUNDE. BASED ON OUR EXPERIENCE IN 1974 WE ANTICIPATE THAT A MAXIMUM OF FIFTY

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OFFICERS FROM THE FIELD AND POSSIBLY TEN WASHINGTON REPRE-

SENTATIVES WILL PARTICIPATE. WE WILL TRY TO INFORM THE EMBASSY CONSIDERABLY IN ADVANCE EXACTLY HOW MANY WILL ATTEND. IN THE MEANTIME REQUEST EMBASSY RESERVE SIXTY SINGLE ROOMS AND CONFERENCE ROOM AT SHERATON HOTEL FOR FEBRUARY 3-6.

3. WE PLAN TO SEND SOMEONE TO HELP WITH ARRANGEMENTS APPROXIMATELY ONE WEEK IN ADVANCE OF THE CONFERENCE.

4. PLEASE CONFIRM THAT ABOVE DATES ARE SUITABLE FOR THE CONFERENCE. KISSINGER

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